

**In the claims:**

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13. (New) An atomizer for the series coating of workpieces comprising:  
an bell dish having a conical outer surface and a longitudinal axis; and  
a steering air ring adjacent to said bell dish and defining a plurality of inner holes  
and a plurality of outer holes for respectively directing first and second gas currents to said conical  
outer surface of said bell dish and adjusting a spray jet of the atomizer, wherein said inner holes are  
disposed along a first circle having a first radius and said outer holes are disposed along a second  
circle having a second radius different from said first radius.

14. (New) The atomizer of claim 13 wherein said first and second circles are  
further defined as being concentric.

15. (New) The atomizer of claim 14 wherein said first and second circles are  
further defined as being centered on said longitudinal axis.

16. (New) The atomizer of claim 13 wherein said plurality of inner holes and  
said plurality of outer holes are further defined as extending parallel to said longitudinal axis.

17. (New) A method for the series coating of workpieces comprising the steps  
of:

positioning an bell dish having a conical outer surface and a longitudinal axis  
adjacent to a steering air ring of an atomizer;

defining a plurality of inner holes and a plurality of outer holes facing the one bell  
dish with the steering air ring wherein the inner holes are disposed along a first circle having a first  
radius from a longitudinal axis of the bell dish and the outer holes are disposed along a second  
circle having a second radius from the longitudinal axis.

18. (New) The method of claim 17 including directing a gas current through  
at least one of the plurality of inner holes and the plurality outer holes to define a spray jet.

19. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein said directing step is further defined as selectively directing a first gas current through said plurality of inner holes and a second gas current through said plurality of outer holes.

20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein said directing step is further defined as concurrently directing a first gas current through said plurality of inner holes and a second gas current through said plurality of outer holes.

21. (New) The method of claim 19 including adjusting a rate of one of said first and second gas currents to change a width of said spray jet.

22. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein said adjusting step is further defined as independently controlling adjustments of said first and second gas currents.